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Chris Saris

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2006 (hereinafter, the "Office Action"). This response is timely filed in view of the petition for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee submitted herewith.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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